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SUBJECT: US STRATEGY CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL DEFORESTATION

1. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND AID WILL CO-SPONSOR NATIONAL STRATEGY CONFERENCE ON TROPICAL DEFORESTATION IN WASHINGTON, JUNE 12 - 14. CONFERENCE WILL BRING TOGETHER APPROXIMATELY 60 U. S. EXPERTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TROPICAL FOREST USE, MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION DRAWN FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY.

2. MEETING RESPONDS TO (A) MOUNTING WORLD-WIDE CONCERN OVER ACCELERATING DEPLETION OF HUMID TROPICAL FORESTS AND LOSS OF VEGETATION AND ATTENDANT "FIREWOOD PROBLEM" IN THE DRIER TROPICS; AND (B) NUMEROUS NEW PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS BEING  
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PROPOSED BY U. S., REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS. PURPOSE WILL BE TO REVIEW RESULTS OF SEVERAL NEW ASSESSMENTS OF THE NATURE, MAGNITUDES AND TRENDS OF THE PROBLEMS; EXAMINE CURRENT CAPABILITIES AND LEVEL OF EFFORT WITH RESPECT TO INSTITUTIONS, PROGRAMS, AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL STATE OF THE ART (E. G., MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT, WOOD PLANTATIONS, AGROFORESTRY, ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH,

FIREWOOD ALTERNATIVES, FOREST MANAGEMENT); AND DEVELOP POLICY AND PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE U. S. TO PURSUE NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. PROGRAM BEING POUCHED.

3. WHILE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON U. S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS ON INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL FORESTRY, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL BE LARGELY U. S. EXPERTS, INVITATIONS ALSO BEING EXTENDED TO SEVERAL KEY REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. GIVEN UNESCO ROLE IN FORESTRY, ESPECIALLY THROUGH MAB PROGRAM, DEPARTMENT AND AID WOULD WELCOME UNESCO PARTICIPATION IN MEETING WHICH WILL INFLUENCE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS USG WILL PURSUE AND SUPPORT INTERNATIONALLY IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD.

4. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER UNESCO ABLE TO MAKE REPRESENTATIVE AVAILABLE, U. S. ORGANIZERS WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTATION PROVIDING OVERVIEW OF UNESCO'S CURRENT PROGRAMS AND, ESPECIALLY, FUTURE PLANS RE BOTH HUMID FORESTS AND VEGETATION-REVEGETATION PROBLEMS IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID REGIONS. THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN DETERMINING WHAT U. S. SHOULD DO IN WAY OF FILLING GAPS OR INTENSIFYING SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UNESCO.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) MISSION REQUESTED TO INFORM UNESCO (DI CASTRI) OF CONFERENCE, AND ASSESS WHETHER DI UNCLASSIFIED

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CASTRI OR OTHER UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE. (B) MISSION FURTHER REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF UNESCO WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR U. S. CONFERENCE A DESCRIPTION OF ITS ONGOING AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO HUMID TROPICAL FORESTS AND RE-VEGETATION AND "FIREWOOD" PROBLEM IN SEMI-ARID AND ARID TROPICS. WOULD NEED SHORT DESCRIPTIVE PAPER IN WASHINGTON BY JUNE 1. (C) PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE WHO, IF ANYONE, SHOULD RECEIVE INVITATION, AND WHETHER DEPARTMENT CAN EXPECT UNESCO PAPER. VANCE

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